

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 212 without my signature.

While I grappled with this issue, I came to the conclusion that nothing in current law prohibits school districts from cleaning and sterilizing wrestling equipment. Furthermore, during the time I was working diligently on providing an acceptable water plan for the Central Valley, I was able to pin down the fact that the Superintendent of Public Instruction already has the authority to develop information and guidelines regarding the prevention of communicable diseases on school campuses. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

The Legislature needs to wrestle with whether it will continue to pass bills like this one, that current law sufficiently addresses, or whether it will go to the mat on pressing issues such as water infrastructure, tax reform, and federal education funding.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger